



ANNEXATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What are the benefits of Annexing?

By becoming a Marysville resident, you gain better access to local government and responsiveness to your concerns, and a stronger voice in decisions that will affect you, by participating in City government through work on committees and citizen advisory boards. You also become part owner of a full-service City that includes enhanced police & fire protection, an emergency dispatch center for police & fire calls, City-run jail, utility services at City rates and City-operated garbage service. Sno-Isle's 2nd largest public library (Marysville), a senior/community center and an impressive parks and recreation system add to the social well being and diversity around the Marysville community.

Will my taxes increase?

That's often the most common and most important question to be asked. Property taxes for the City and unincorporated Snohomish County are about the same (*see tax chart below*). In 2006, City residents paid approximately \$10.1554 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value and county residents paid approximately \$10.4723 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value. The chart below illustrates year 2006 property tax comparisons:

2007 PROPERTY TAX COMPARISON		
TAXING DISTRICT	CITY RESIDENTS	COUNTY RESIDENTS
Marysville		
General levy	\$2.2200	-----
EMS	\$0.3898	\$0.4122
G.O. Bonds (Public Safety Center)	\$0.0707	-----
County taxes	\$0.8399	\$0.8399
County road tax	-----	\$1.2394
Marysville School District	\$3.9134	\$3.9134
State school taxes	\$2.1646	\$2.1646
County Library District	\$0.3532	\$0.3532
Fire District #12	-----	\$1.1500
General levy	-----	-----
EMS levy	-----	-----
TOTAL – Property Tax per \$1,000 assessed value	\$9.9516	\$10.0727
Property with an assessed valuation of \$228,900.00 would have taxes amounting to:	\$2,286.88	\$2,314.72
School Taxes Vary Based on District (adjustment required for the following districts)		
Lakewood School District (2007)	\$3.7221	\$3.7221
Lake Stevens School District (2007)	\$4.7758	\$4.7758
<i>Tax rates between the City & County tend to fluctuate annually</i>		

Are there any changes in taxes that I should know about?

Yes. The City, as permitted by state law, charges a 5% general utility tax on phone, gas & electric service to residents. The tax appears on monthly utility bills. Eligible senior citizens can get a 100% rebate of this tax. Call (360) 363-8000 for information. These are taxes paid to the City to offset costs related to the use and wear of City streets and public rights-of-way, etc.

What about water and sewer rates, and capital improvement charges?

The City of Marysville provides water and sewer rates that vary depending on whether you live inside the City or outside City limits. The chart below illustrates rates for in-City vs. Rural (outside City) utility rates:

MARYSVILLE AREA UTILITY RATES		
RATES FOR:	CITY	RURAL
WATER (<i>flat rate of 6,000 gallons</i>)	\$22.30	\$33.50
Overage rate (<i>per 1,000 gallons of overage</i>)	\$2.40	\$3.60
SEWER - Flat Rate		
Single-family home	\$56.80	\$68.15
Multi-residential	\$53.95	\$65.30
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEES - WATER & SEWER CONNECTIONS		
RATES FOR:	CITY	RURAL
RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION CHARGE		
WATER	\$4,750 per unit	\$5,490 per unit
SEWER - Flat Rate	\$4,490 per unit	\$4,890 per unit
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CONNECTION CHARGE		
WATER		
Hotel/Motel Connection	\$1,816 per unit	\$2,099 per unit
0 to 2,000 gpm	\$1.64 SF	\$1.99 SF
2,001 to 4,000 gpm	\$2.40 SF	\$2.87 SF
4,001 + gpm	\$3.16 SF	\$3.80 SF
SEWER		
Hotel/Motel Connection	\$1,717 per unit	\$1,870 per unit
Retail sales, manufacturing, churches, schools, daycare	\$1.03 SF	\$1.24 SF
Offices, medical, dental, nursing homes & all other uses not listed	\$1.67 SF	\$2.00 SF
Warehouses, storage	\$0.49 SF	\$0.65 SF
Restaurants, taverns	\$2.38 SF	\$2.86 SF

If annexed, am I required to connect to city water or sewer service?

No, you will not be required to connect to city water or sewer service if annexed into the City of Marysville.

The owner of any property within city limits which is not connected to city water or sewer service, or both, shall be required to extend any utility line which is within 200-feet of the structure to be served and to connect to the same for all occupied structures on the property under any of the following circumstances:

- . Upon construction of a new building or structure which is designed for occupancy; or
- . Upon construction of any additions, alterations or repairs within any 12-month period which exceeds 50% of the value of an existing building or structure which is designed for occupancy; or
- . Upon any change in the occupancy classification of an existing building or structure on the property; or
- . Upon the failure of the on-site sewage disposal system on the property.

What about garbage service?

Your garbage collection will remain the responsibility of Snohomish County for seven years from the date the annexation receives final approval. After seven years, the City of Marysville will assume responsibility.

What about police & fire services?

Once annexed, Marysville will provide you with police services. The City employs 39 commissioned police officers, which includes a detective squad and a narcotics officer. At least three (3) officers and one (1) supervisor are on duty at all times. Marysville Police maintain an average response time of 3-5 minutes for emergencies, 10-15 minutes for non-emergencies.

Fire protection won't change. The City and Fire District 12 merged in 1991 to create greater efficiency and quality fire and emergency medical services for the Marysville area.

How pro-active are your efforts in crime prevention?

Marysville is very pro-active. Marysville benefits greatly from the efforts of the nationally recognized Marysville Seniors Against Crime, a unit of 28 senior volunteers led by a crime prevention coordinator. They offer numerous services beneficial to your family, your homes, neighborhoods and businesses. These include patrolling school grounds, more than 50 Neighborhood Block Watches, the Safe House program that offers safe havens for school children in peril, security checks for homes and commercial property, schemes and scams lectures, free anti-crime manuals for businesses, a program for the memory-impaired to reunite them with caregivers if they become lost, and many other programs.

What zoning changes will occur if my area is annexed?

The City of Marysville adopted a 20-year Comprehensive Plan on May 2, 2005. The City's Comprehensive Plan includes land use designations for properties within the City's Urban Growth Area (UGA). Upon annexation into the City, properties would be zoned to conform with the land use designations outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

It is important to know that any land use, legally permitted in Snohomish County prior to being annexed into the City of Marysville, would be considered a "grandfathered" use, regardless of the City's "new" zoning designation for the property.

How do annexations of property fit into state growth management (GMA)?

GMA requires the City to plan for eventual annexation of your property. Inclusion of the area within the urban growth boundary implies that development will occur consistent with standards for urban utilities, roads & general services. Annexation squares off City & county boundaries, & enables growth in rural areas to be transferred to cities where urban-level services are available.

What about pets and livestock?

Marysville, like the county, requires licensing of dogs and cats (cats effective April 15, 2002), and enforces a leash law. In the past, livestock has been permitted in City limits only in areas zoned for agricultural use. The City adopted a Rural Use zone for annexation of larger tracts with agricultural uses. The City also adopted a Small Farm Overlay Zone that sets forth a method for registering small farms to ensure their continued operation as long as it is economically feasible to do so.

Will Annexation affect where my children go to school?

No, school district boundaries determine where your children attend school. Annexation has no impact.

Would I still need to go to Snohomish County for permits?

No, the City of Marysville Community Development Department, 80 Columbia Avenue, would issue all permits for construction and remodeling, excluding electrical permits, which is provided by Labor & Industries. Average review time is 2 - 3 weeks for residential building permits, and 8 - 12 weeks for commercial permits.